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Blaze Guts Crowley Stables



A Saturday afternoon blaze completely gutted the Dennis Crowley owned Agawam Stables barn on 32 Shoemaker Lane. The blaze lasted six hours and 40 firefighters from Agawam, Southwick, Suffield, and West Springfield fought the stubborn fire. Damage was estimated well over \$200,000. Failure by two fire hydrants to operate and low water pressure by another caused further difficulty for firefighters. 150 horses survived the blaze while 2 were killed.



A lone horse looks in despair at his home at 32 Shoemaker Lane being destroyed by fire on Saturday. High winds fanned the afternoon blaze which saw firefighters at their job until early evening. Cleanup operations commenced on Monday. Flying flames, according to a fire department spokesman, caused further difficulty for firefighters as brush fires in the area were also battled. Advertiser/News photographer Jack Devine was the first cameraman on the scene.

\$7.43 Million School Budget Up To Council

By Joanne Brown

After several weeks of discussion, the School Committee last Thursday evening approved a \$7,433,599 budget to be submitted to the Town Council. This figure reflects cuts totally \$155,252 from the original request of \$7.58 million, while it also absorbs the impact of negotiated salary increases for the final year of the teachers' three-year contract.

The Teaching Account portion of the total budget was approved at \$4,893,934, a figure which represents salaries for teachers throughout the system. Though the School Committee voted last week to notify 109 teachers of possible layoff, only 7½ teaching positions were actually eliminated at this point.

Those teaching positions involved at this time include five due to the scheduled June closing of Danahy School, one in industrial arts, and one in distributive education. One special education teacher will have total hours to be worked cut in half. Business Manager James Coon estimated that 12 to 14 additional teachers would leave the system through attrition, but plans normally call for replacement of these teachers.

Much discussion during the meeting involved whether any additional cuts could be made prior to final approval of the budget. Board member Venetta Snyder asked for reconsideration of the Athletics Account insofar as the impact of establishing users' fees. She once again voiced her feelings that this account had not been cut as much as possible.

Coon stated that he and Athletic Director Clifford Kibbe had gone over this budget many times and determined that no additional cuts in equipment could be made without endangering the safety of athletes.

A move to eliminate \$10,190 for the total \$63,419 and establish users' fees to supplement this portion of the budget was defeated 2-5. Mrs. Snyder and Walter Balboni favored the motion.

Funding for all transportation of athletic teams had already been eliminated.

Dissent arose early in the meeting when the controversial Administration Account came up for a vote. The committee had previously voted 4-3 in executive session not to fund salary increases for the superintendent, assistant superintendent, and business manager.

Richard Borgatti moved to grant each of the three administrators a 1% hike in salary declaring, "Everyone else in the Town of Agawam is getting an increase. Why single these men out?" The move was seconded by Roberta Doering.

Thomas Ennis vigorously disagreed with Borgatti citing the fact that other department heads in town were not getting raises this year. The motion was defeated 5-2.

Borgatti then persisted in seeking a 1% increase for Superintendent Hebert alone. He explained that this amount would "meet our contractual obligation" and "prevent possible litigation." This motion was defeated 4-3, and the final figure approved for this account totalled \$193,813.

The \$7.43 million budget will now go to Town Manager Richard Bowen for submission to the Town Council. A number of councilors, particularly Andrew Gallano, a member of the sub-committee assigned to the School Department budget, have indicated that further cuts would be requested.

Gallano declared that he, personally, would not get involved with line item details, but that he felt the school budget should total closer to \$7.3 million than it currently does. Other councilors have informally agreed with him.

The Town Council is scheduled to begin budget review on March 30.

Phys. Ed. Threatened By State Proposal

By Joanne Brown

Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Gregory Anrig has recently gone on record advocating a regulation change that would eliminate current physical education requirements in the state.

Presently, 60 hours of physical education per year are required for grades 1-12, and 30 hours for kindergarten students. Distribution of the hours is up to local school committees.

According to physical education personnel in the Agawam School System, abolishing "clock hours" required could, in effect, lead to elimination of trained physical education instructors and leave physical education up to classroom teachers to handle.

Regulations currently demand certification for secondary level physical education instructors, but permit classroom teachers untrained in that area to teach physical education on the elementary level.

Kirk Parker, one local elementary physical education teacher, is most concerned with the possibility that trained personnel may be eliminated.

"The entire professional preparation of physical education teachers has been towards awareness of children's skill levels at each grade and of activities suitable at each level," declares Parker. "The individuals are trained to recognize and meet children's social, emotional, and physical needs."

At present, the required "clock hours" are not actually being met in Agawam through true physical education instruction on the elementary level. The state requirement is attained when one adds in supervised recess time. Most elementary classroom teachers have very minimal physical education training, some perhaps only one course.

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Though no one apparently is disputing the need for physical education and fitness instruction, Anrig has explained his recommendation as a possible way to meet cuts that will have to follow passage of Proposition 2½. By eliminating the hours required, local school committees then have the discretion of releasing elementary physical education teachers and turning over classes to classroom teachers untrained in the area.

The Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (MAHPER) strongly opposes any attempt to reduce the present state requirements in health and physical education. They stress that with increased purposeful physical activity comes greater achievement in the classroom along with the development of personal worth and a positive self-image.

MAHPER members have begun an organized campaign to oppose any regulation changes and are actively encouraging parents and interested persons to write to Mrs. Anne McHugh, Chairperson of the Massachusetts Board of Education, to express support of their stand. Mrs. McHugh may be contacted by writing to her at 31 St. James Avenue, Boston, MA 02116.

Local MAHPER members point out the irony in the fact that Governor King has declared March to be Physical Education and Sports Month while such a definitive movement has begun to "undermine the very effectiveness of the entire physical education program in the state."

Lions Club Donates Large Type Books

By Donna Campbell, Chief Librarian

The Agawam Public Library is delighted to announce that the Agawam Lions Club has donated a most generous gift of \$250 to the library for the purchase of large print books. These large type books are extremely popular with many people, especially the elderly and/or visually handicapped. Large print books restore the joy of reading to the visually handicapped, and they are also the preferred choice of many library patrons who simply enjoy the bigger, easy-to-read print size.

Since the library staff is sure that patrons will be very anxious to borrow these new books, the following is a list of the new large print titles added to the Agawam Public Library thanks to the marvelous generosity of the Lions Club.

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ADULT NON-FICTION

Louis Camuti, *All My Patients Are Under the Bed* (veterinarian specializes in cats); Cecil Dyer, *The Eat To Lose Cookbook: How To Be Deliciously Filled But Not Fattened*; Jerome Ellison, *Life's Second Half: The Pleasures of Aging*; Marjorie Holmes, *Lord, Let Me Love: A Marjorie Holmes Treasury* (inspirational prayers and poems); Dietrich Langen, *Speaking of Sleeping Problems: Learning To Sleep Well Again*; Catherine Marshall, *Adventured in Prayer*.

All of the above excellent titles are printed in large 18-point type size approved by the National Association for the Visually Handicapped on non-glare, high-contrast paper reducing eyestrain and reading fatigue. Moreover, these large print books contain the complete, unabridged work with a colorful jacket and convenient 6"X9" size with lightweight paper.

Water Supply Publication Available To Public

A publication exploring the issues of water supplies in an urbanizing environment has been produced by the Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service and is available to the public.

The publication is based on the transcripts of 37 papers that were originally presented at a symposium held in November, 1979, in Sturbridge. It includes many areas of water resource, exploration, sites, and

management discussed by a variety of professionals from public and private institutions.

The 180-page publication is available for \$4.00 from the Mass. Cooperative Extension Service Bulletin Center, Cottage A. Thatcher Way, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Please make checks payable to the Cooperative Extension Service.

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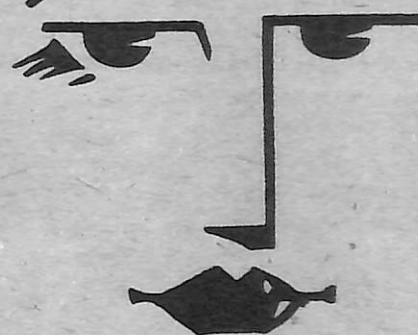
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Moratorium Still Criticized...

Rising Zone Change Thwarted

By Stephen Gazillo

Council President Paul Fieldstad's efforts to stop development in Agawam drew sharp criticism from fellow councilors Monday night, but they succeeded in stopping an attempt for a zone change that would have eased plans to build 42 single family houses on 25 acres at the corner of Poplar Street and Shoemaker Lane.

Turned Down

A petition by the Leonard Rising family to change their property from Agriculture to Residence A-2 zoning was turned down twice by the council during the meeting at the public library.

The spokesman for the family, Leonard Rising Jr., said his family had had building lot plans drawn up in 1972 and that these had been approved by the council at that time. The size of the lots were in compliance with agricultural zoning laws. But, Rising said, a change in the zoning laws since that time now causes seven of his lots to be too small. This, he said, meant that either new plans would have to be drawn up or a zone change granted.

"Since 1972, we've paid over \$31,000 in taxes on those building lots and now they say we can't build on them," Rising added. He said it would cost some \$35,000 to make new plans and that a zone change to Residence A-2 would actually reduce the number of building lots from 49 to 42.

Rising's presentation to the council during the public hearing pointed out that their plans provided for complete water and sewage systems and that the project had been approved by the town Planning Board. Only the Conservation Commission had not given its approval for reasons Rising could not cite.

The item was then defeated by a deadlocked 7-7 vote, but Councilor Richard Theroux urged councilors to reconsider the issue, and a motion was accepted to vote again at the end of the meeting.

On the reconsideration, Town Engineer Michael Suprenaut was asked to give his opinion of Rising's plans. He pointed out that the sewage plan was adequate, that the water supply would be sufficient, and that the only thing to consider would be a change in pipe size for drainage on Shoemaker Lane.

A heated debate followed Suprenaut's remarks. Fieldstad said the matter should be tabled for at least a month until the question of a moratorium on growth in the town was considered. "It would be asinine for me to propose a zone change and then call for a moratorium," Fieldstad said.

Gallano Angry

Councilor Andrew Gallano quickly retaliated. "You're going on the assumption there will be a moratorium," he said to Fieldstad. Gallano charged that it was inappropriate to bring the issue of a moratorium into this question of a zone change.

Councilor Richard Theroux stepped into the debate charging that every time the council considered a zone change, they brought up the moratorium issue. This, he said, demonstrated little understanding of the complex issue of moratorium.

Theroux added that he saw no reason why the Risings shouldn't be granted the zone change. "We're talking about individuals who have lived in the community for a long time and who plan to live on their property," he stated.

Councilor Donald Rheault also voiced his support for the zone change and lashed out at Fieldstad's stand on a moratorium. "I find the word *moratorium* to be somewhat inflammatory," he commented. "I want the press to know that you (Fieldstad) speak for yourself on this issue."

Rheault explained that the idea of a moratorium is scaring away industries and is a poor attitude for the town to take.

Councilor William Herd asked for a brief recess, and during that time, Suprenaut was asked what reasons the Conservation Commission had given for not approving the Risings' project. Suprenaut explained that the commission was concerned that the type of soil in the southeast section of the lots could not support certain types of construction, but that the problems could probably be worked out.

Second Time

When the vote was tallied the second time, it fell one short of the two-thirds necessary for approval.

Councilor Stephen Cincotta commented, "The treatment afforded Mr. Rising tonight was, in my opinion, abominable. This gentleman came before the council in good conscience. As best as I can see, there were no good, logical arguments for NOT granting the zone change."

Rising said a vote like this would only further discourage builders from coming to Agawam.

Councilors who voted in favor of the zone change were Bartnik, Cincotta, DeForge, Herd, Gallano, Nardi, Rheault, Serra, and Theroux. Voting against the change were Trehey, Bonavita, Fieldstad, Kerr, and Paleologopoulos.

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Millbrook emphasizes adventures in out-of-doors and offers children experiences in nature, daily swimming, crafts and special overnights.

Kathryn Zingg, the camp director, also seeks individuals with strengths in specific skill areas. Applications are now being taken for a nature/camp craft director, arts and crafts director, secretary and adventure director.

For application or more information, call Ms. Zingg at the Springfield Y, 739-6951, ext. 253.

Italian Women Plan Fashion Show

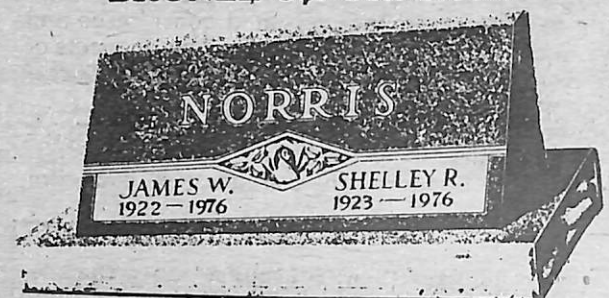
Heart to Heart is the theme for the fashion show which will be presented by the Italian Women's Club on April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Hampden Country Club, Wilbraham Road. Proceeds will benefit the Cardiac Surgical Research Fund of Baystate Medical Center.

Fashions will be furnished by Dave's Girls of Hampden and will be modeled by ladies from the Carol Russell School of Charm and Modeling and by ladies of the club.

Mrs. Joyce Impoco is chairperson of this event assisted by Mrs. Gloria Guerra and Mrs. Carmella Marzano.

Men and the general public are invited and coffee and dessert will be served and door prizes given out. For tickets, contact Mrs. Salvatore Scibelli of Cooper Street, Agawam.

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Council Okays Police Overtime

The Police Department has received a \$6,000 transfer from Town Council into its overtime account to compensate officers for court duty and other job-related overtime duty.

Voted 12-2

The council, despite vigorous protests from councilwoman Elaine Bonavita, voted 12-2 at Monday's regular session at the Public Library in favor of the overtime funds after Town Manager Richard Bowen recommended the transfer.

Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski had requested the overtime funds to Bowen, who in turn filed with the council.

According to Bowen, the transfer will in part comply with the patrolman union's 3-year contract which the council funded last summer.

Bowen said the court appearances and other Police-related overtime operations have placed a burden on the department's overtime account.

According to figures provided to councilors, the department as of March 1 had \$10,000 remaining in overtime funds for fiscal 1980-81.

Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos cautioned that failure to approve the transfer would leave the department dangerously low in overtime.

Bowen told councilors that the request was carefully calculated by town officials and "I don't believe its in excess."

Similar Situation

He further argued, "We don't want a similar situation to happen as in the case of the fire fighters," in reference to last year's arbitration case between the fire fighters union and the town over the council's failure to approve some \$25,000 in overtime funds.

The union won the arbitration causing the town to pay additional interest charges out of its treasury.

Chmielewski today said the recent murder case which was solved by the department was partially responsible for the request.

"I think it's important for the people in the community to understand that repeated court cases and delays in court, along with the many other aspects of police work can cause an officer to work long hours," Chmielewski said.

"Our only interest is to serve and protect the people in the community."

Joining Ms. Bonavita in dissent was councilor Walter T. Kerr.

Dunn Committee Sets Agenda



Committee officers for Reverend Frank Dunn's April 26th birthday celebration are, from left, Norman Steadman, program chairman; Daniel Lacienski, special arrangements; Gerald J. Mason, general chairman; Donald Rheault, ticket chairman; Stanley Chmielewski, dinner chairman. Photo by Jack Devine.

Reverend Dunn's Birthday Program

General Chairman, Gerald J. Mason, has announced that final plans for Rev. Frank E. Dunn's 80th birthday celebration have been completed. A dinner-dance will take place on Sunday, April 26th at the Oak Ridge Country Club. The program will begin with cocktails from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M., dinner at 5:00 P.M. and dancing from 7:00 to 11:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10 each and may be obtained by calling Ticket Chairman, Donald Rheault at 786-4043.

Also, in conjunction with this event, a program book is being compiled. Proceeds from the program will be used to establish a scholarship which will be presented to an Agawam High School Senior in honor of Rev. Dunn. Anyone wishing to be included in the program may contact Program Chairman, Norman Steadman at 786-2319. Anyone wishing to be included on the committee for the function may contact Gerald J. Mason at 786-5624.

Committee chairmen are: Ticket Chairman, Donald Rheault; Program Chairman, Norman Steadman; Dinner Chairman, Stanley Chmielewski; Chairman of Special Arrangements, Daniel Lacienski; and Master of Ceremonies will be Raymond Saracino. General committee members are: Ernest Dubour, Joseph Conte, Charles Calabrese, John Parker, John McCarthy, G. Fred Affleck, Irving Lafleur, Tom Ennis, Debbie Gordon, Jessie Atanas, Edward Plante, harriet Keogh, Charlie Provenzano, Mike Demko, William Janelewicz, Sr., Raymond Charest, Steven Cincotta, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Bradford, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Wells, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Danford, Mr. & Mrs. Matt Buynicki, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Connelly, Michael Walsh, Raymond Rhodes, Jack Devine, Richard Sardella, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Steadman, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Binnenkade, David Skolnick and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Willette.

Elks Slate Monte Carlo

A Monte Carlo Night will be held at the West Springfield Elks Lodge on Morgan Road on Friday, March 27th beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the door or you may call 732-8796 for reservations. There will be over \$1,000 in prizes.

Cable TV Public Hearing

There will be a Cable TV Public Meeting on Thursday, April 2nd from 7-9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

Topics for discussion include program planning, poor reception, installation problems, etc. The public is urged to attend and express their concerns with the speakers present.

Speakers to be present will be Roderick MacLeod, president; John Cooney, the new manager and vice-president of operations; Sandy Finn, office manager; and members of the town's Consumer Advisory Commission.

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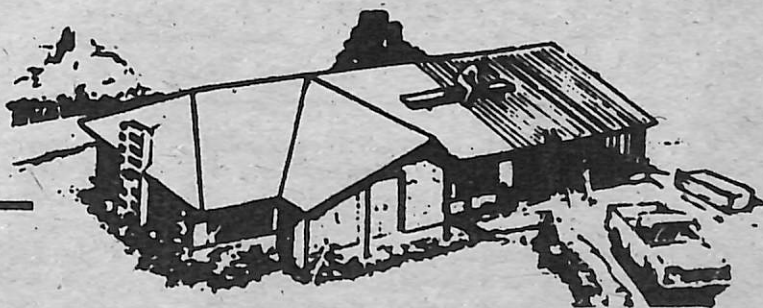
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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Spring is approaching ever faster and with it comes an inner urge to do something new or exciting or creative or whatever. It's as though Mother Nature is trying to wake us all up to life. We all tend to let ourselves get in a rut. And we become bored and finally depressed. Go outside and take look at a tree limb and see the tiny green buds waiting to explode. Look around the gardens and see the tulips and hyacinths and crocus leaves already above ground. It's like a promise of good things to come. Why not try to capture some of that promise in your own life. Get out a sketch pad and pencil and try doing some sketching or a pad and pen and try writing some poetry, a short story, or a personal experience. Get a piece of wood and try carving something. You can even make soap carvings. With Mother Nature being so creative, it's only fitting that we give her a helping hand.

Happy birthday going out to Mary Allard who is 82. Mary has been living in Agawam six months now having come from Newport, New Hampshire. She has one son. Also Happy Birthday to Doris Paradiso, 66. She has been a resident of Agawam for three years now and has one daughter and two sons.

The Golden Agers held their regular meeting March 11th. Many new faces were there. So many people had spent most of the winter battling the flu and than there were those lucky ones who spent the winter in the sunny south.

The book and cake sale was very successful. A round of applause from president Mike Jabry to Hilda Wetzel, who was responsible for the shamrocks on the pastry, was extended. Thank you, Hilda.

Sixteen new member were brought into the club this meeting: Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Progulski, Ethel Dugan, Lucille Campbell, Mary Allard, Angelisa Mina, Ellen Kloster, Mary Karam, Norma Brecht, and Helen Gongola.

Emaline Como has a great trip planned for May 6-8. Atlantic City. You will be staying at the Boardwalk Regency. Trip must be paid in full by April 8th. Call Emaline for details - 786-1264.

Be sure and get to the Senior Center next week for lunch. Meals include lamb patties, Monday; ham casserole, Tuesday; pot roast, Wednesday; knockwurst, Thursday; and batterfry fish, Friday. Of course, vegetables, bread and butter, milk, coffee or tea are served with the meal. Hard to beat at 60¢.

Election of officers for Golden Agers will be held at the next meeting. Don't forget.

I love the seasons of the year
But I especially love spring.
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And the song the robins sing.

Rita White

Southwick PWP Program

Parents Without Partners, Chapter 990 of Southwick, announces the chapter program for April which includes a record hop every Thursday evening at the Brass Rail in Southwick.

Family activities for the month will include a family swim at the YMCA in Westfield and a spaghetti supper.

Orientation for Parents Without Partners is every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Single parents, whether divorced, widowed, separated, or never married, are eligible to join whether or not they have custody of their children. The orientation is required for joining the international, non-profit, non-sectarian organization.

For more information, call the coordinator for this area, Pam Clukey at 658-9220.

Bay State Gas Offers H.E.A.T.

Customers aged 65 and older are getting a break on the cost of H.E.A.T. from Bay State Gas Company. The utility is offering the services of its Home Energy Analysis Team project, which normally costs \$5, to each of its senior-citizen customers free of charge.

H.E.A.T. is Bay State Gas Company's comprehensive home energy conservation service. It complies with federal and state regulations which require that all utilities offer their customers such a program on request over the next five years.

Bay State Gas is especially interested in making sure its elderly customers take full advantage of the program which basically consists of a complete home energy audit and dissemination of conservation information and tips.

The energy use audit takes about 2½ hours to perform during which time the customer's entire home from attic to cellar is inspected.

Each of the company's approximately 4,500 senior-citizen customers is receiving a letter explaining the program. It is hoped that elderly customers, many of whom are on fixed incomes, will benefit greatly from the program.

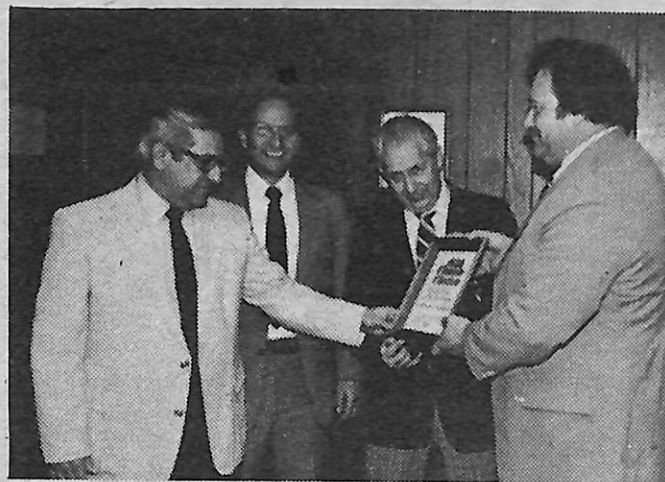
Storowton Lecture Set

"Yesterday's Child: Toys, Tools, & Togs" will be the topic of a lecture by June Cook, director of Storowton Village Museum, West Springfield, planned for Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of Storowton's Meeting House.

Mrs. Cook will feature artifacts on how children lived and played in the last century. The audience is invited to bring along articles and stories related to 19th century childhood.

For more information on Storowton Village, call Mrs. Cook at 736-0632. The lecture will be followed by a discussion and refreshments. A small admission will be charged.

Cancer Award



Agawam's Police Chief and Special Events Cancer Chairman, Stanley Chmielewski, presents Joseph Dahdah, Ellery Montagna and Joseph Davis, members of the Donald Nardi Memorial Road Race Committee, with a 1980 Cancer Citation for volunteer service to the "Cure of Cancer. Thanks to their efforts, someday they will be a total cure for cancer. The money raised by this committee will go to cancer research. Photo by Jack Devine.

History Of Massachusetts Conference Slated

The Historical Journal of Massachusetts and the Westfield State College History Club are pleased to announce the third annual Conference of the History of Massachusetts scheduled for Saturday, March 28th. Four papers will be presented at the conference slated for Wilson Hall Auditorium on the college campus.

Programs are available from the Historical Journal of Massachusetts, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA 01086 or by calling John Ifkovic at 568-3311. Pre-registration must be made by March 20th.

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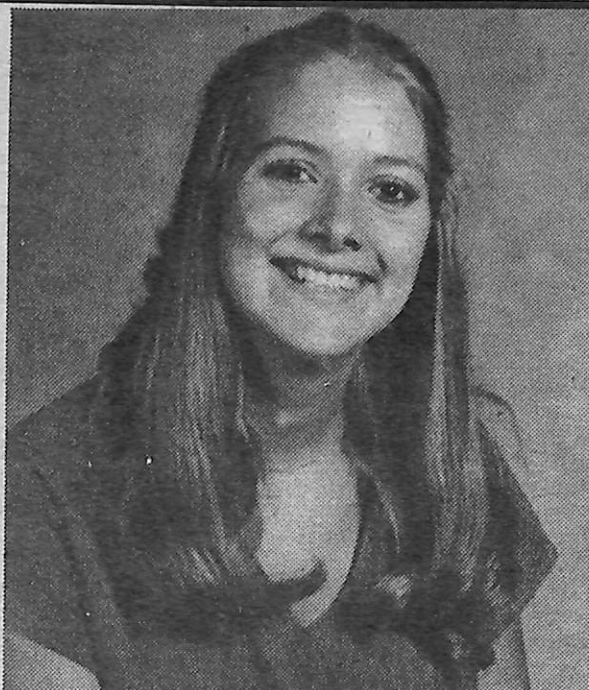
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Leeann Hart Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Lenville R. Hart of 50 Edward Street, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Leeann Christine, to Stephen John McKeever, son of Mrs. Mary Roberts of Chicopee and the late Henry McKeever.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College, where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a third grade teacher at Robinson Park School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cathedral High School. He attended the University of Massachusetts and was an exchange student through the Central University of Iowa in London, England. He is presently employed by Sullivan Paper Company, West Springfield.

The wedding will take place on June 27th at St. John the Evangelist Church with a reception following at Chez Josef. The couple has planned a honeymoon in Bermuda.



THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB recently held their regular meeting with a special guest speaker. Officers are, from left (standing); Dorine Kubik, publicity secretary; Mary Fedora, vice-president; Barbara Santaniello, secretary; Judy Clini, treasurer; (seated) - Janet Cook, president and Fran Warga, guest speaker. Photo by Jack Devine.

Garden Club Opens Season

The Agawam Garden Club held its first meeting of the new season on March 10th with guest speaker Mrs. Fran Warga of 298 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Mrs. Warga addressed the group on planning a flower bed and the use of color, size, and shape in creating a garden of your own.

Mrs. Warga's expertise arises from tending her own

100 varieties of perennials situated on her land at Fran-Drew Gardens. Her husband Andrew raises trees and shrubs on another section of their property.

Mrs. Warga also raises annuals, biennials, and plans gardens for private parties. She has been a member of the Agawam Garden Club for twelve years and is a past president.

UNICO Slates Macaroni Dinner

Agawam Chapter of UNICO, a non-profit Italian organization, will have its 20th annual Macaroni and Meatball Dinner on Sunday, April 5th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Continuous servings will take place at the Agawam High cafeteria.

Tickets are priced at \$3.25 for adults and \$1.50 for children and can be purchased from UNICO members, from Gino's or 430 Plaza Liquor Stores, from Mutti's Service Station, from Chriscola Farms,

or at the door.

The menu will consist of macaroni, meatballs, tossed salad, bread, dessert, and bottomless coffee. Take-outs will be available.

All proceeds will benefit UNICO charities. For further information, contact James Bruno Sr., chairman of the event, at 786-3575; Bruno Maule, 789-0082; or Paul Ferrarini, 786-9574.

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Thursday, March 26th
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Turn-Verein Sponsors Third Dance In Series

The Springfield Turn-Verein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring the third in a series of "Nite Out Dances" to be held at the club on Saturday, March 28th.

The public is invited to attend and reminisce to the music of the 50's, 60's, and 70's from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ron Pebley will spin the discs and all this fun can be had for a donation of \$2.50 per person.

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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

According to the doctors, it only occurs once in every 200 births...and it just happened to an Agawam couple, DONNA & ROBERT MULLANEY on February 23rd...TWINS!

Doubling the family's size were NICHOLAS LESLEY, who arrived first weighing a healthy 7 lbs., 2 oz. and measuring 20½ inches long, and NICOLE MARIE, who followed a minute later weighing a good 6 lbs. even and measuring 19 inches. Though similar, each is apparently distinctive looking. "Nicholas has boyish features and his sister Nicole is very much a girl," says their proud and happy Mom.

"There were absolutely no twins in the family," claimed BARBARA & EDWARD TOON, the new grandparents, of 89 Woodside Drive. They checked into their family records when twins were diagnosed in daughter Donna's fifth month of pregnancy.

Apparently, the twins arrived the day after the mutual birthday of both of their great grandparents, MR. & MRS. ARTHUR L. TOON of Newport Richey, Florida. Perhaps the twins wanted to let Mom attend the baby shower held in their honor that day as well.

On doctor's advice, the twins are being kept close together much of the time. "It's the cutest thing to look down and see these two little babies sleeping side by side in the crib," says Grandma, who was glad she had held on to the crib that Donna slept in years ago. As for dealing with all the feedings, etc., Mom says, "Well, we're up twice a night and they're quite a handful...but they're worth it!"

Speaking of doing things twice, JIM FLYNN of 367 Cooper Street recently won \$3,612 in the Massachusetts daily lottery using his birth date (2/9/54). He then played his payoff numbers and won again about six weeks later!

Jim purchased his winning tickets at the Village Package Store which he considers "the luckiest spot in town." He is now playing his second payoff numbers and plans to stick with his system for a while to see what happens.

Jim, an employee in the Water Division of the Public Works department, used his sudden earnings in a very normal-sounding manner: he blew a lot, "stashed a lot," and invested in a six-month certificate with the town credit union. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? I'll never know...

This last month has been pretty rough for 9-year-old BRIAN BOUTWELL and his folks, MR. & MRS. & JAMES KOPCINSKI of 15 Valentine Street. The fourth-grade student at Danahy School recently suffered a ruptured appendix and was rushed to the hospital where he underwent an emergency appendectomy.

However, because the internal infection had spread, Brian was operated on again. In fact, it took two more operations before the problem was cleared up. The word is - Brian is now doing WELL after his BOUT with appendicitis and may be home by this weekend.

All his neighbors and friends at Danahy wish him well and hope to see him back very soon. Anyone wishing to send this brave little boy a greeting, may contact him at Providence Hospital, room number 614.

TO BRIAN

Your operations are all over now all you have to do is relax and take it easy until you're "good as new." And while you're getting stronger, out thoughts will go your way. With wishes, too, that you'll improve with every passing day.

Happy St. Patrick's Day Birthday wishes go out to CHUCK ASSAD of 34 William Street, Feeding Hills. Chuck, a longtime Agawam resident, graduated from Agawam High, served in VietNam, and now works in the Springfield Post Office in the Bulk Mail Center.

All your friends and co-workers extend their best slightly belatedly for a "bonny fine day."

MR. & MRS. PAUL DIDONATO, former residents of Agawam, have recently moved to California, where Paul will be employed in the San Francisco area. They will make their home in Pleasanton and would like to stay in touch with all old friends here in Agawam.

Call Penny at home (786-9144) or drop her a note at 72 Federal Street with any interesting events happening in your life - recent promotions, special honors, new baby, funny incident. That's what this column is all about - YOU. You may also call this newspaper at 786-7747 and leave her a message.

Agawam's "Greatest Chef"

By Penny Stone

Receiving a beautiful trophy and prestigious recognition as "Greatest Chef" recently was Pasquale Depergola of 15 White Birch Terrace, Feeding Hills. "Patsy," as he is called, was given this superlative rating by the Association of Food Consultants of America. This is a national award, earned by very few chefs across the country. In fact, this Feeding Hills resident is the first to receive this honor from the whole New England area.

Though deeply honored by this national recognition, Depergola was never aware that his culinary efforts were being officially scrutinized by this roving team of experts.

"Apparently they've been following my work for the past four or five years, which wasn't easy since I've worked in many states including Florida and California. I've been all over," Depergola explains.

Recently head chef at the Wiggins Tavern in Northampton, his gastronomic creations have often been given rave reviews by area gourmets, but he confesses, "This is really quite an honor."

According to Depergola, the award is given in recognition of "the way in which you buy, prepare and serve food, as well as how you handle people and build business." But, adds the happy chef, "It's mostly the way you, COOK." And to our resident "greatest chef," cooking is actually an art; something you must put your mind and heart into if it is to come out well.

Born in Italy, Depergola came to America about 25 years ago. He moved in across from Ciro's restaurant and soon found himself working as apprentice to their head chef, the late Joe Strianni. Like many others, this is how the young chef learned to cook; he never went to culinary school. No doubt, his Italian heritage was a real asset.

At home, his wife Margaret does the cooking. She admits that their meals are somewhat fancier than average and says, "It's very hard to watch your weight with a strong Italian influence present. Italians eat larger, more involved meals," she explains.

For the Depergolas and their three excited children, this recognition may mark a turning point in their lives. They hope to open their own restaurant in the near future.

"The hours aren't too good - about 16 hours a day, six days a week including Sunday. But it's very rewarding work," offers Mrs. Depergola.

This honor also brings our greatest chef one step closer to the "master chef" status he hopes to attain within about 1½ years.

Watch Patsy Depergola Expertly Prepare This Delicious Chicken Recipe On The "At Home With Kitty" Show On April 7th.

Square Dances

The Gambler's Square Dance Club will hold its dance Saturday, March 21st, at the Agawam First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, from 8-11 p.m.

Jerry Benoit will be the caller for the evening. Mainstream plus. Refreshments are served. All square dancers are welcome.

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold its regular square dance on Saturday, March 28th, at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, beginning at 8 p.m.

There will be a Chinese Auction and the guest caller will be Bob Johnson with Lin Beatty cueing the rounds. All western style dancers are invited.

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Pasquale Depergola with his award. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Parsley, oregano, pepperinichini
Artichoke hearts (in water)
2 oz. butter
8 oz. consummae
Swiss cheese (thin sliced)

Fry chicken in oil until golden. Flip and fry other side. Add onions and mushrooms and saute for five minutes.

Drain oil, add sherry, salt, pepper, basil, parsley, pinch of oregano, pepperinichini, and artichoke hearts. Add butter and consummae and simmer for 25 minutes.

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Catholic Women Plan Dinner Show

The Agawam Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual dinner meeting and show on Monday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall of St. John's Church, Main Street.

Mrs. James Davis and Mrs. John Cullins, co-chairpersons, along with their committee have arranged a stuffed breast of chicken dinner to be catered by the Purple Onion of Agawam.

Mrs. Philip DeForge, president, will open a short business meeting which will be followed by the evening's entertainment.

The show, featuring talented club members, will be under the direction of Mrs. James Doyle and Mrs. Richard Conway. Pianist will be Mrs. Ruth Daniels.

Childbirth Ed. Association Plans Spring Conference

The Childbirth Education Association of Greater Springfield will hold its first annual spring conference on Saturday, March 21 at Mont Marie in Holyoke. The conference has been titled "For Those Who Care...Current Childbirth and Parenting Issues." It will be open to the general public and has been approved for five CEU's for nurses.

Contact Cheri Brady at 525-1698 or Chris Pouliot at 543-1154 for information on registration and fees.

DAR Plans Conference

The Spring State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held March 26 & 27 in Auburndale, Massachusetts.

Several area delegates will be attending and alternates elected to attend include Mrs. Dianne Little of Agawam.

All Massachusetts DAR are invited to attend the conference as registration is not limited to delegates and alternates.

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OBITUARIES

Paul J. D'Amato

Paul J. D'Amato, 68, of 105 Rowley Street died Wednesday, March 11, 1981, in Mercy Hospital.

Born in New York City, he lived in Agawam most of his life as a self-employed farmer. He was a communicant and extraordinary minister of St. Anthony of Padua Church and past president of its Holy Name Society. He also belonged to its Nocturnal Adoration Society and was director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program for many years.

D'Amato was also a past president of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO and the deputy district governor of UNICO National. In addition, he belonged to the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks, the Hampden County Association of Retarded Children, the Massachusetts Association of Mental Health in Springfield, and the Knights of Columbus (4th degree member).

He leaves his wife, Catherine (Reilly); a son James; a daughter Kathleen, both of Agawam; two brothers, Ralph of Agawam and Frederick of Springfield; and a sister, Carolyn Capitanio of Agawam.

Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Nicholas J. DiVirgilio

Nicholas J. DiVirgilio, 67, of 340 Poplar Street, Feeding Hills, died Thursday, March 12, 1981, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Hospital unit.

Born in Barrington, Rhode Island, he lived in Agawam for 30 years and was a retired 10-year inspector for the Moore Company, Springfield. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife Victoria (Woishnis); a son Joseph; and two daughters, Cynthia Waniewski and Roseann Quirk, all of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Sarah DiCarlo of Barrington and Julia Cilli of Providence, R.I.; and seven grandchildren.

Curran Jones Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

John H. Mikszewski

John H. Mikszewski, 58, of 37 Silver Street, died Wednesday, March 11, 1981, in Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford.

Born in Holyoke, he lived in Agawam for 24 years and was former chairman of the Agawam Finance Committee and a 16-year manufacturing engineer in the Hamilton Support System Dept. of Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp., Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a past president of its Catholic Men's Club. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he was also a member of the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks.

He leaves his wife, Mary (Lemaire); two sons, John of King George, Virginia, and Dr. Gerold Mikszewski of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; a daughter, Karen MacManara of Feeding Hills; a brother Rudolph of Holyoke, four sisters, Stella Dubovik of Willimansett, Adelle Nida and Helen Rota, both of Holyoke, and Elsie Gromick of South Hadley; and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Mildred C. Reed

Mildred C. Reed, 85, of 886 Main Street, died Thursday, March 12, 1981, in a local nursing home.

The widow of Ernest A. Reed, she was born in Dorchester section of Boston, lived most of her life in Townsend, and the last four years in Agawam.

She leaves two grandchildren, David Reed of Southfield and Mrs. James Hendricks of Florence; and a daughter-in-law, Mildred Reed of Agawam.

Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in Hillside Cemetery, Townsend.

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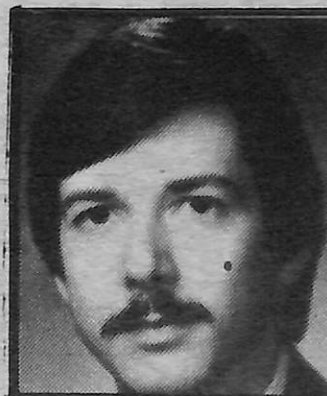
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A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
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Funeral & Burial Benefits

When making funeral arrangements, something that can be easily overlooked is the many financial benefits available to survivors. This week's article will deal with some of these benefits and how they can be applied toward the cost of the funeral.

SOCIAL SECURITY provides a maximum lump sum death benefit of \$255 in almost all cases where the deceased was covered by Social Security. It is paid either to the surviving spouse or person responsible for the funeral expenses, OR the payment can be paid directly to the funeral home. Families may also be eligible for monthly survivor benefits for surviving spouse and children of school age.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION will pay \$300 in funeral benefits to veterans who served during a war conflict or up to \$1100 when death was due to a service-incurred disability. Also, a \$150 benefit is available for a cemetery lot if the veteran is not buried in a national cemetery.

The family also may receive a headstone or marker without charge or a cash allowance (presently \$50) toward the purchase of a monument if the death occurred after October 18, 1978.

Under certain conditions, additional cost for transportation of remains is available when death occurs in a VA hospital or burial is in a national cemetery.

LIFE INSURANCE is another financial benefit to survivors as well as numerous other benefits that relate directly to funeral expenses. These include workman's compensation; union and fraternal organizations and insurance coverage for accidental deaths such as a minimum \$2,000 payment when death occurs in an auto accident; and state and local welfare allowances.

As a funeral director, it has been my practice to assist families in applying for these benefits because it can become confusing if you are not accustomed to dealing with the various governmental agencies. The proceeds of the benefits can also be applied toward the funeral expenses thus alleviating the family from immediate payment.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting your local Social Security, Veterans Administration or welfare office or by calling me at 733-3625. I will be glad to provide you with any information you desire.

Diabetes Panel To Answer Questions

The Greater Springfield Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will sponsor a panel discussion on Wednesday, March 25th, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

The public is invited free of charge to hear a team of professionals and lay people discuss and answer questions on juvenile diabetes. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 786-1905.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 22
Monte Carlo Night
Junior Women -
Rotary
Chez Josef
4 to 9 p.m.

March 25th
Fashion Show
Jr. Women's Club
Oak Ridge
7:30 p.m.

March 25th
Panel Discussion
Diabetes Foundation
Public Library
7 p.m.

March 23
Dinner Meeting
Cath. Women's Club
St. John's Church
6:30 p.m.

March 28th
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Ag. Cong. Church
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EDITORIAL

More Dialogue Needed On Hebert Contract

In last week's editorial, we promised to release the names of the School Committee members who voted for and against two pay raises for Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert in a marathon 3 1/2 hour executive session of that body.

At press time, the board has yet to release the executive minutes, but, as it's now widely known, Chairman Walter Balboni, Vice-Chairman Jessie Fuller, and members Thomas Ennis and Rosemary Sandlin voted against additional pay raises for Mr. Hebert while members Richard Borgatti, Roberta Doering and Venetta Synder supported more money for the Superintendent.

As we have said over and over again, such raises for Mr. Hebert hold potentially dangerous circumstances for the School Committee and school system.

We believe nearly \$41,000 is enough for any administrator in this community, especially for one who has been here for less than 15 months and already has seen his salary boosted from \$35,350 to the above figure in under six months of service.

Town Council, in a painful but nonetheless hardline action, failed to approve raises for 28 municipal department heads and supervisors despite the fact that there were individuals who warranted more money.

It appears that the root of this entire episode, one which has, for all intents and purposes, created unnecessary strife on the School Board, is the contract granted to Mr. Hebert when he first arrived in our community in January of last year.

Former School Board Chairman Richard Borgatti was the board's chief negotiator with Mr. Hebert at the time of the selection process. He has been one of Mr. Hebert's staunchest supporters, both of his performance in office and of the contract that brought him to Agawam.

We maintain that the contract was a giveaway. The clause which says that Mr. Hebert shall be evaluated on a six-month basis and then have his salary adjusted accordingly has put the community in a sore position.

Last week the board voted 4-3 against an amendment sponsored by Mr. Borgatti which would have given Mr. Hebert \$408 to meet contract obligations.

According to School Department Counsel John Teahan, Mr. Hebert may have grounds to take the board to court.

If Mr. Hebert, for whatever reason, decides at some point to sue the School Committee, which in fact, constitutes a suit against the community, and wins, then the responsibility must be shouldered by Mr. Borgatti who was the chief sponsor of Mr. Hebert's contract.

In 1980 we supported Councilor Richard Theroux' proposal that helped ease the tension between the administration and Town Council over the police contract which was signed by former manager Peter Caputo and left for then Acting Manager Edward Caba to fund.

Town Manager Richard Bowen has enlightened the council on municipal contract negotiations since Theroux' mo-

tion which, according to Bowen, "is normal procedure."

Several School Committee members have expressed, both in public and private, confusion over the terms of Mr. Hebert's present contract...we hope this same confusion fails to materialize when the board begins contract negotiations with the Agawam Education Association next September.

Taxpayers' can ill afford giveaway contracts for public officials during these hard-pressed economic times.

Hopefully, by voting against additional pay raises for Mr. Hebert, the majority of the School Committee has saved Agawam taxpayers' in the future.

Letters to the Editor

Connelly-Mullens Bill Praised

To The Editor:

Congratulations are in order for Representatives Edward Connelly of Agawam and William Mullens of Ludlow. They appear to be among the first of our elected officials to get the message issued by the passage of 2½. If their proposed legislation is successful, it will be a giant step in the right direction. However, the fact that its passage will require major cuts in the state budget makes it a very difficult undertaking. If they, Connelly and Mullens, are able to contact the governing bodies in all of the cities and towns of Massachusetts and convince them to back their proposal, it undoubtedly will still go down as just another nice try.

Their proposal has given us an opportunity to do something about the dilemma that we are in. Right now the burden is on us and the time is short. The Taxation Committee will probably hold a hearing on this bill very soon, and if they turn it down, as expected, our task will become even more difficult. For that reason it is important that you, as a citizen and taxpayer, act without delay. Get in touch with your state legislators as soon as possible and ask them to tell the Taxation Committee to vote favorably on the bill to return all proceeds from the Massachusetts sales tax to the cities and towns.

Ever since Proposition 2½ became a reality, the picture it has presented to us seems to be one of devastation. Everyday we read about teachers and other dedicated public servants who are about to lose the place in life which they have strived for years to attain. It is doubtful that even the proponents of 2½ had this in mind. Isn't it probable that the vast majority of voters in this state looked on it as a strong message to the office holders to stop the unnecessary spending for which Massachusetts has become famous. Yet our Governor and most other elected officials seem to ignore this probability. They appear to have chosen to pit the victims against the voters and are standing by saying this is what you voted for.

They are telling us: if you want the schools run properly and the Fire and Police Departments to protect you and if you want the poor to be cared for, we will ease the burden of the property taxpayer and get the money from the entire populace in some other way. If they are successful, it will be business as usual and we will be paying through the nose as usual. We look at this picture and ask "What can we do?" Until now, we had no definite way to do anything.

Representatives Connelly of Agawam and Mullens of Ludlow have presented us with a golden opportunity. Their bill which will require that all proceeds from the Massachusetts sales tax be used for the original intent which was to aid the cities and towns can be the answer to our prayers. The State Revenue Dept. has estimated Prop. 2½ tax reductions at 332.1 million dollars with 35 communities to be heard from. The Connelly-Mullens bill will give us 349.2 million dollars in tax relief. There will be no lobbyists with bags of money to prod the lawmakers for us. The only way this bill can be successful is through a massive effort by the voters.

After you call your legislators (both Representatives and Senators), then call your local governing bodies for their support. Next contact the radio talk shows and the television stations in your area. Then call your friends and tell them to do what you have done and ask them to do the same. It seems to be a tremendous task, but only a little bit from each of us can make it as easy as falling off a log.

Philip T. Hart
277 Plumtree Road
Springfield



FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

More On Sales Tax Bill

Whatever momentum had been attained in the House last week was quickly dissipated with an informal session on Monday in preparation for the "Evacuation Day" holiday in Suffolk County (Boston) on St. Patrick's Day.

The Parade in Boston last Sunday had ended but the memory lingered on.

However, a bill filed by Representative William Mullins (D-Ludlow) and myself will have a hearing before the Committee on Taxation this Thursday. The bill proposes that 100 percent of retail sales tax collections be placed in the local aid fund for distribution back to the cities and towns.

It is estimated that this amount could be as much as \$349 million for distribution amongst cities and towns.

The premise for filing the legislation is based on the referendum vote in 1966 which permitted institution of a sales tax. However, the ballot question stated that 100 percent of the collection would be returned in local aid. It passed overwhelmingly, 3 to 1.

After only one year's redistribution, the formula was cancelled to accommodate the state takeover of welfare, among other things.

Since then, formula changes have been made to the point that 40 percent of the collection goes to local aid - the rest to the general fund.

Public response to the intent of our bill has been extremely good and while Rep. Mullins and I know we are in for a fight with the administration and the majority leadership, we plan to go all out to achieve what we consider to be fair and in strict compliance with the original Legislative intent.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 26, 1981, at 8:00 P.M., in the Town Administration Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act on the petition of Frank J. Solitario, to perform work subject to the Act at "Robin Ridge."

Anthony P. Liquori, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Public Works for Class I Bituminous Concrete, Cold Mix, and Castings Adjustment until Friday, April 3, 1981 at 2:15 p.m. at the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, Administration Building, Agawam, MA. at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bid prices read aloud. Proposal form and specification may be obtained at the office of the Supt. of Public Works. Said materials to be in accordance with Mass. Dept. of Public Works specifications. The Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JOHN P. STONE
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD**

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 2, 1981, at 7:30 P.M., in the Town Administration Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA., for the purpose of hearing public comments on the petition of Alexander D. Pedro and Joaquim B. Bernardes for the extension of Hope Farms Drive for lots A and B, being more particularly described and bounded as follows:

Deed description of a parcel of land owned by Alexander Pedro and Joaquim Bernardes.
Certain real estate situated in said Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, as shown on plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 141, Page 108, said land further bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at an iron rod marking the Southeast corner of a lot development now or formerly owned by Hope Farms, Inc. on the Southerly side of Southwick Street, in said Agawam; and

Running thence Southwesterly 9 47 37 along other land of the late Bertha Nacewicz, Four Hundred Seventy-eight and 08/100 (478.08) feet to an iron pin; and
Running thence Northwesterly 80 12 23, Eight Hundred Fifty-eight and 44/100 (858.44) feet to an iron pin, now marking the Southwesterly corner of land of the late Bertha Nacewicz; and

Running thence Northeasterly 21 01 15 along property now or formerly owned by Joseph A. and Mary B. Barkal, Four Hundred and Ninety (490) feet to an iron pin, to land now or formerly owned by Vivian Hastings; and

Running thence Southeasterly 80 12 23, Seven Hundred Sixty-nine and 13/100 (769.13) feet to the place of beginning. Together with the right to use for all purposes of a public street, Hope Farms Drive, Running in a Northerly direction from the said premises, to Southwick Street, as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 134, Pages 44 and 45.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: March 19, 1981

SCHOOL NEWS



MRS. DONNA ORMSBY'S SECOND GRADE CLASS OF ROBINSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL recently conducted a reading and creative writing enrichment project. Each child chose a famous person to read about. The children wrote stories about their biographical personages and made life-size figures of them which are now on display.

As a culminating event, the children came to school dressed as their biographical figure. They ranged from Annie Oakley to Theodore Roosevelt. The children shared their stories with each other and visited other classrooms in their costumes.

Students pictured above are, from left, Theresa Moccio, Grace Krajewski, Kim Schverer, and Theresa Calabrese. Photo by Jack Devine.



Forest Secrets Delight 2nd Graders

On a bright day last fall, second grade students from Phelps and Robinson Park Schools, armed with clipboards, trowels, and plastic bags, trekked through the Robinson Park forest. Their mission - to observe, record and gather samples of the forest's plant and animal life.

This forest trek was the kick-off activity for "Forest Secrets," a curriculum kit on the environment developed by teachers Kathleen Breuninger and Jane Sauter with the help of the Springfield Science Museum. "Forest Secrets" is one of nine curriculum kits developed by Agawam elementary teachers through the Wide Horizons project this year.

According to Ms. Breuninger and Ms. Sauter, "Forest Secrets" is structured to "unlock the secrets of the forest" for second graders. The kit helps these students learn about life within a forest, with a special emphasis on the inter-relationships between plants and animals. The kit's activities are designed to help second graders study not only science, but also mathematics, language arts, music, art, and careers relating to the forest.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU	
Mon., March 23:	Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad, chilled fruit cup, milk
Tues., March 24:	Steamed frankfort in roll, buttered seven minute cabbage, applesauce cake w/topping, milk
Wed., March 25:	½ fluffernutter, ½ chicken salad sandwich, buttered carrots, macaroni salad, fruited jello, milk
Thurs., March 26:	Sausage grinder w/tomato sauce, cheddar cheese cubes, buttered niblet corn, chocolate brownie, milk
Fri., March 27:	Filet of fish sandwich, tartar sauce, oven baked beans, buttered green beans, mixed fruit cup, milk

Agawam Ball Player To Attend Williams' Camp

Dan White, a junior at Agawam High School, has been accepted for enrollment at the Ted Williams Baseball Camp in Lakeville, Massachusetts.

White, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. White Jr. of 81 Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills, will attend for one week of baseball instruction during the period of June 21 to June 27.

The forest trek immediately sparked the students' interest in studying the environment. The diverse kit activities - such as sprouting lima beans in baby food jars - have sustained this interest throughout the school year. The teachers have noticed that, with each activity, the students have demonstrated more and more respect for nature; they are now even protective towards insects!

The most thrilling activity so far for the students has been the performance of environmental singer Billy B at both schools in October. The students loved Billy's magnetism and humor and eagerly joined in with him to sing "I Am A Sprout," "My Roots," "Yummy, Yummy," and other Billy B songs about trees. The teachers report that their students still ask to play Billy B's record.

With the coming of spring, the students will again venture out-of-doors for a field trip to Laughing Brook, where they will explore how plants and animals form interdependent food chains. As a culminating activity, each student will create a picture book report on his/her favorite forest living thing.

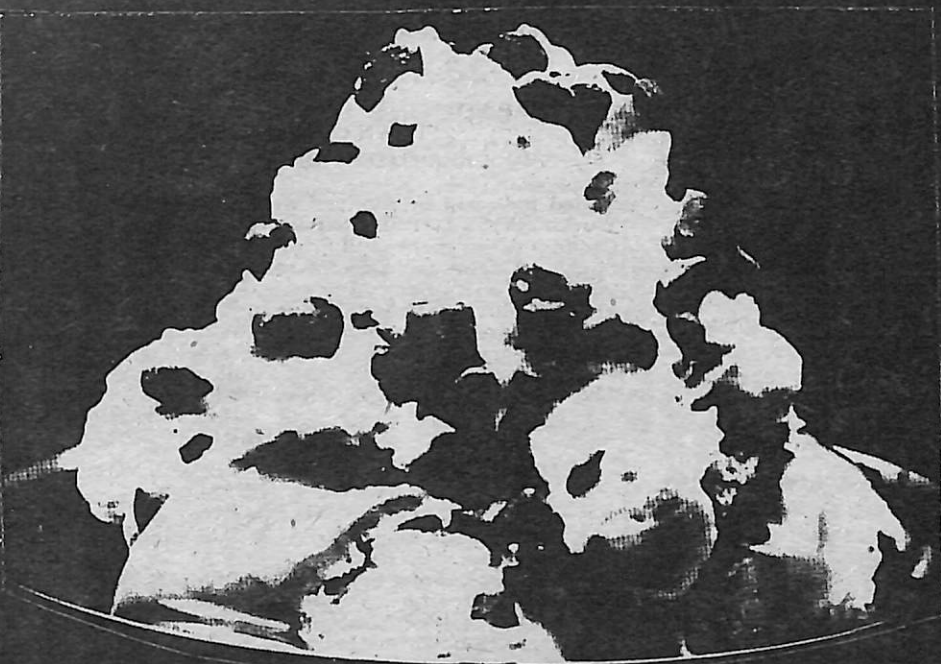
Ms. Breuninger and Ms. Sauter are as thrilled as their students with the success of "Forest Secrets." As Ms. Sauter says, "We now have many materials and activities which our classes - and other classes - can use to study the fascinating life of the forest."

Career Day Held At Civic Center

More than fifty employers and 2,000 students participated in a "Career Information Day" on Wednesday, March 18th at the Springfield Civic Center.

Sponsored by the Private Industry Council, Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Springfield Public Schools and the Division of Employment Security, the event provided assistance to students interested in developing job-search skills.

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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Chairman,
Guidance Dept.

If you are in need of a summer job and meet the following qualifications, you may be eligible for a job in the CETA Summer Youth Program.

- 1) Economically disadvantaged
- 2) Resident of Hampden County
- 3) In school or
- 4) Out of School
- 5) Between 14-21 years old

High school dropouts and handicapped youth are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available in the following locations:

Agawam High guidance office - Mr. Cavallo
Agawam Jr. High guidance office - Mr. Meagher
Agawam Middle School guidance office - Mr. D'Antonio

SPAN Center - Ruth Roberts

Return completed applications to the location from which you picked it up. Upon receipt of your application by the Hampden County Employment and Training Consortium, you will receive either an appointment for a job interview, if you appear eligible, or a letter stating why you are not eligible for the job.

The following scholarships are available in the guidance office: 1) Agawam Rotary Club-Ray McCarroll Memorial Scholarship: important qualifications are involvement in school, community activities and leadership; students must receive the endorsement of their guidance counselor, and 2) Agawam Band Parents Association Scholarship: applicant must be a member of the band or color guard.

Juniors and Sophomores - the spring College Fair will be held at the Springfield Civic Center on Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31. Students and parents are encouraged to attend the evening session on Monday from 6:30-9:30. Representatives from approximately 200 schools and colleges will be present, and counseling will be available regarding financial aid and testing. There is no charge to attend the fair. You should use the Dwight Street entrance to the Civic Center.

Students who wish to attend either day session (9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.) must follow the regular procedure for being excused from school by properly notifying the school's main office. Students must provide their own transportation.

Juniors: pick up SAT applications in the guidance office for the May examination. Application must be submitted by March 27th to avoid paying a late fee.

Lester Makes National Band

Andrew Lester, a member of the Agawam High School Band directed by Darcy Davis, has been selected for membership in the Sousa National High School Honors Band. This is one of the highest honors in the nation which can come to a high school musician.

Andy, who plays euphonium and trombone in the high school band, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lester of Park Edge Drive, Feeding Hills. He was selected for participation on the recommendation of Darcy Davis.

The band, sponsored by the John Philip Sousa Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization, will perform in Washington's Departmental Auditorium on Saturday, May 2nd, following 3½ days of intensive rehearsals.

The national honors band is composed of 100 students representing all 50 states. The concert is in celebration of the 100th anniversary of John Philip Sousa's becoming director of the U.S. Marine Band.

Broadcast Informs & Instructs

By Joanne Brown

WKRP in Cincinnati has nothing on the recently-instituted student broadcast at Robinson Park School.

Each week, ten fifth graders who have been grouped into a special intellectual enrichment class, gather information, compose news releases, tape record, and then broadcast over the school's public address system. The tapings take place on Wednesdays and the broadcasts occur each Friday morning.

Each student is asked to bring in two articles of news of international, national or local significance each week. They then discuss these items and vote on which should have priority for broadcast, keeping in mind the five-minute length of the taping. The students are assigned to work in pairs to write up the news for broadcast in language understandable for elementary school students.

Along with news of President Reagan's proposals or the nine-year-old alleged bank robber, the students also feature school news and birthdays of members of the school community. They have occasionally conducted surveys on such topics as Reagan's love for jelly beans and its relation to the study of nutrition. Last week's broadcast reported the answers to the query, "If you caught a leprechaun, what would you wish for?"

Mrs. Jeanne Forgette, the teacher who works with this special group, explains the purpose of the broadcast activity, noting, "The basic skills of reading, writing, and public speaking are certainly emphasized. The students also have to sharpen their own ability to determine appropriate newsworthy events along

with their ability to use appropriate language for younger elementary school students." Mrs. Forgette adds that the students' own awareness of current events has increased considerably since this project has been instituted.

She details the production process citing the requirement to grab the listeners' interest with the first sentence and then to follow up with specifics. The students work in pairs to write and proofread each other's articles and then she goes over them only to make minor adjustments. "The students' work is kept intact except for very minor corrections I may make," Mrs. Forgette declares.

She expresses particular delight in the fact that the entire process has been reduced from 3½ periods of reading class to only 1½ now.

The broadcast format begins with a brief salute followed by the theme song, "Cars," which was chosen by a school-wide poll. Five news articles usually follow in which reports of items with widespread interest along with those of school activities are made.

If an interview has been conducted, the report will follow the news items. The birthdays of school members as well as those of some famous individuals complete the information, and a final sign-off will close the broadcast.

Those students who participate in this project are Jim Anderson, Robert Dintzner, Alex Kohli, Mary Marek, Missy Kamp, Ricky Brown, Christine Phaneuf, Christopher Provost, Mary Beth Ribeiro, and Scott Joaquim.

Laughing Brook Activities

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a special free program for families entitled Camping with Massachusetts Audubon on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. The program, illustrated with slides, is an explanation of the numerous children, family and adult camping and adventure activities available from the society. Wildwood Nature Center in Barre will be highlighted. Reservations are necessary, but no fee will be charged.

The spring training sessions for volunteer sanctuary guides will be held on Saturdays, March 21, 28, and April 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Massachusetts Audubon Center, 789 Main Street, Hampden.

These enthusiastic individuals lead groups of school children and adults around the live animal and other natural history exhibits at Laughing Brook. No previous experience is necessary as training will be given. Contact Jo Benton, volunteer coordinator, at 566-8034 for more information.

Laughing Brook is offering a Cooking With Herbs workshop on Saturday, March 21 at 1 p.m. Herbalist Mary Dupuis of West Springfield is the instructor. Tasty, nutritious recipes will be shared including samples of some.

This workshop is open to the public and an admission fee is charged. Call to make advanced reservations (566-8034).



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SPORTS



St. Theresa's captured the boys AAA 8-10 division championship with a 9-1 record under the guidance of coaches Ralph Myers and Roger Brown. Pictured here with Fr. Bob Choquette from the sponsoring church and Myers are team members (back row, left to right) Paul Poole, Chris Ollari, Ricky Brown, and David Laudato; (front row) Tommy LaRochelle, Brian Shameklis, Jimmy Pirro, Greg Libriero, and Bobby LaRochelle.

AAA Highlights

8-10 BOYS

In thrilling, fast-paced action, St. Theresa's clinched the 8-10 boys championship by defeating Lunden Construction last weekend. This victory capped off a season that ran undefeated for St. Theresa's following a close, 1st-game loss.

St. Theresa's coaches Ralph Myers and Roger Brown both agreed that, though their team members were among the smallest in the league, they more than made up for this lack of height by incredible speed.

"Our team had by far the greatest speed of any in the league," declared Myers. "That's really what won us so many games. Our guys would be down court before any one else even had their wits about them!"

8-10 GIRLS

In an exciting, hard-fought overtime game, the Lions came away the victors as they defeated the Elks to sew up the league championship. The lead changed hands many times throughout the game, but the Lions, led by Amy Vacirca's sharpshooting and stellar defensive work by Sophie Osentoski and Donna Stone, pulled it out in overtime with about 54 seconds left.

Susan Fassnacht, Pamela Nolen, Allyson Murphy, Linda Herbert, and Jennifer Bonavita were all contributing factors to a fine season.

Brown cited their aggressive defensive play as well as a much-improved grasp of basic basketball skills as also aiding in St. Theresa's victorious season.

Coming in for the lion's share of praise were starting players Chris Ollari, Jimmy Pirro, and Ricky Brown and Paul Poole, both of whom amassed three-figure total points scored for the season. David Laudato, the team's fifth starter, was credited with much improved play, particularly in the last two games of the season, and Tom LaRochelle along with newcomers Greg Libriero, Bobby LaRochelle, and Brian Shameklis were commended for doing their parts to aid the team when necessary.

11-13 GIRLS

The 11-13 champions are Liquori Brothers, who completed the season with an undefeated record.

Congratulations to Coach Larry Sheehan and his team: Tracy Armstrong, Michelle Favreau, Gina Frasco, Sandra Lynch, Karen Phillips, Kara O'Connell, Abbie Sheehan, Cathy Sheehan, and Kelley Wagner.

At press time, the AAA Boys 10-12 league was in a special playoff between McCarthy Tile and Agawam Custodian. Tile won the first in a best two out of three series.

AAA Statistics

BOYS 8 - 10

St. Theresa's	9-1
Elks 2174	8-2
Lunden Construction	7-3
Christy's Plumbing	7-3
Laf-Mor Amusements	7-3
Chriscola Farms	4-6
Abbett Tax	3-7
St. Anthony's	3-7
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	2-8
Curran Jones	0-10

BOYS 10 - 12

Agawam Custodians	8-2
McCarthy Tile	8-2
F.H. Hardware	6-4
Butchers Corner	4-6
West Bank	4-6
Suburban Realty	0-10

BOYS 13-15

Polish Club	10-0
Village Package Store	5-5
Associated Air Freight	5-5
Lions	4-6
DePalma	4-6
Village Lounge	2-8

8-10 GIRLS

Lions Club	9-1
Elks 2174	7-3
Graphic Printing	4-6
Russo	0-10

11-13 GIRLS

Liquori Brothers	10-0
E-Con-O Sales	5-5
W. S. Fish & Game	3-7
Gino's Package	2-8

13-15 BOYS

Once again for the fourth straight year the Polish Club has captured the league title, having gone undefeated for the entire season. This is the first time since the league's inception that a team has gone undefeated.

The Polish Club team was led by David Vecchiarelli, the league's premier rebounder who also averaged 18 points per game. He teamed with Bob Maltoni, the league's best playmaker who averaged 14.5 points per game. Rounding out the starting five were Phil Scoville, Eric Meunier, and Robert DeSimone.

Due to injuries, the Polish Club fielded its full team in only two out of ten games. Providing excellent bench strength were Don Lancour, Dave Perillo, Mike Marmo, and John Losito.

Head Coach Phil Vecchiarelli was assisted by brother Dean and Scott Massoia. Phil Vecchiarelli Sr. served as general manager, and ball boy Peter Vecchiarelli shows much promise of eventually adding to such a team by totaling 18 points per game himself on the Christy's Plumbing team in the 8-10 League.

The Polish Club in the last four years has compiled a 33-7 record. Presently, they have won 16 in a row, and 21 of their last 22 games.

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Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba

The Division of F & W is going to operate their Conservation Camp for boys and girls commencing June 28 to July 10. The age requirement is 14 to 17. Usually clubs and organizations send youngsters to the camp, but individuals are welcome to send their kids also. The fee is \$120 for the two-week stay at the camp located at Thompson Pond in Spencer, Mass. If you are interested in sending a youngster, you may get further information by contacting Elli Horwitz, I & E Department of the Fish and Wildlife, Westboro, Mass.

Herm Covey, district manager of the Valley District has planted the excess trout from the hatchery in various ponds in the area. Only 2,000 trout were distributed. This year in the 6-9 inch class, 83,400 and in the 9 inch plus class, 74,900 will be planted. 1500 of these will be over 12".

The serious stocking will get underway this month if the weather and the pH factor of the ponds cooperate. Most of the ponds in the valley have open water along the shorelines and, in most cases, the lakes are open. Best fishing is not impossible and might prove to be fruitful to the early fishermen. The limit at this time is three fish.

The Quabbin Advisory Board have gone through the long list of requests sent in to them by the eager Quabbin fishermen and have at this time settled for two proposed rule changes and have sent them to the MDC.

The first rule recommended by the board is that Quabbin Reservoir be opened for fishing one hour earlier (5 a.m.) from the opening day of the season until the first day of Daylight Savings Time on which day the opening time shall revert to 6 a.m. and shall continue until the end of the season. (Earlier openings less than 3 weeks)

The next rule proposed deals with the maximum size motor allowed on Quabbin. The maximum size of motor has been raised to 20 horse power. However, there is a limitation submitted that makes a lot of sense.

The allowable maximum size motor shall be linked to the boat size; the maximum motor size (horsepower) shall be determined by Boating Institute of America or Outboard Corporation standards by allowing motor size maximums of one half the maximum B.I.A. or O.B.C. horsepower ratings of the boat not to exceed twenty horsepower.

Boats not rating by the B.I.A. or the O.B.C. shall be rated by the MDC utilizing past experience and discretion.

Two motors in use, not to exceed the 20 mph, maximum in total shall be allowed provided that said motor horsepower shall not exceed the maximum hp ratings of the boat.

Smaller boats may use up to a ten hp motor and present rules relating to minimum and maximum boat size shall remain in effect.

Young Spends Term Studying In Canada

Randolph Young, a Dartmouth College sophomore from Agawam, is studying French language and French-Canadian civilization in Quebec City, Canada this term as a participant in Dartmouth's Language Study Abroad program there.

The program supplements language studies with courses on culture and literature and permits students to communicate more effectively with citizens of the host country. Students live with families in the city they are visiting.

A 1979 All-American in track from Agawam High, Young is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Young of 1162 River Road.



KOREAN MARTIAL ARTS OF FEEDING HILLS recently presented advanced degrees to the following individuals: (back row, from left) Jeffrey Kowalski, Dennis Clark, Geoffrey Gregor and Dave MacWilliams, who is a first degree black belt. (First row) Shellee Cole, David Beudet, Todd Kowalski, and Sam Martin. KOREAN MARTIAL ARTS is owned and operated by Joe Slaimen, who is a fifth degree black belt. Joe has been in the Hollow Pine Shopping Center for just under a year. He has 85 up and coming athletes at his school. For more information, call 786-0912. Photo by Jack Devine.



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Hockey Association Highlights

Agawam's 12-14A hockey squad coached by Ed Drewnowski and Jeff Martini captured first place in the Greater Springfield Amateur league with a 5-1 win over Van Horn.

Agawam needed the win to place first and according to the coaches, the entire squad played superbly. Dave Liptak was outstanding in goal, kicking away shot after shot including 8 breakaways to spark the locals.

Van Horn took the early lead in the first period with a goal in which Liptak had no chance.

The locals knotted the contest late in period one with a tally by Dave Conway, assisted by John O'Malley and Dave Mahoney.

Dean Liptak lit the lamp early in period two with a short-hander in what proved to be the game winner. Dean broke through the defense for the score.

Late in the second period Kevin Mercadante scored

the third Agawam goal with a wicked drive from the point. Assists went to Denis Drewnowski and Tony Liquori.

In the final stanza Agawam scored twice more to ice the contest. The fourth goal was canned by Jay Passerini with assists from Erik Blanchard and Mike Santori, and the last goal was notched by Jeff Hill with help from John Spellacy and Peter Sibilia.

The locals finished the season with 16 wins and 2 losses. They had 76 goals for and 23 against. Liptak was the league's top netminder with an impressive 1.22 goals against average.

The squad is now preparing for the league playoffs and a trip to Boston March 27, 28 and 29 to compete for the state championship. Good luck.

On Sports

BY JOHN DALTON

What's the fastest-growing participation sport in America?

It's racquetball, according to Marty Hogan. The 23-year-old from San Diego is the reigning U.S. champion for the third year in a row.

Hogan says racquetball — two or four participants compete on a four-wall court to keep the ball in play (it mustn't hit the floor twice) — is ideal.

"Racquetball is a quick-action game with a lot of stopping and starting, and that requires a tremendous amount of endurance," says Hogan. "But anybody can play racquetball and enjoy it."

He says, "I've seen a 70-year-old woman in Wisconsin, who'd never even seen a racquetball court, come in and just start hitting a ball."

That's why it's becoming so popular, he says.

"Anybody can play this sport and enjoy it at any level," Hogan claims. "An hour spent on the court is the best workout anybody can have."

But the first-class players don't just stand and whack the ball.

"If you're going to be a top racquetball player, you've got to live the sport," Hogan says.

On the pro tour, Hogan's high-speed shots, including a serve clocked at 142 mph, have changed the nature of the game — moving the stress from control to power. Into early 1981, he had 29 victories in 36 pro appearances.

Hogan, who learned the sport from his mother, began playing racquetball in 1965 at the St. Louis Jewish Community Center. (His 17-year-old sister, Linda, has won the Junior National championship five times.)

Today, Hogan is doing what he can, of course, to promote racquetball.

But he says he doesn't mind playing frequently in racquetball exhibitions — despite the lack of big bucks.

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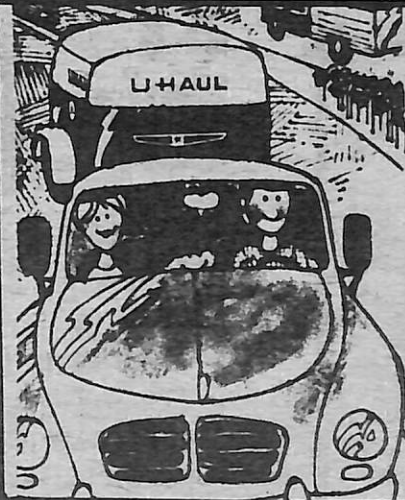
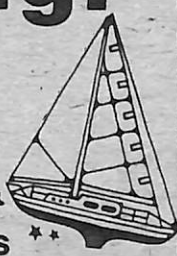
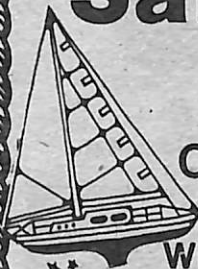
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